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REMARKS

This amendment supplements the amendment filed on March 4, 2004, and responds to the Advisory Action mailed on March 26, 2004. The amendment is made pursuant to a telephone interview with the Examiner, Mr. Tilahun Gesesseem, on April 5, 2004, in which agreement was reached that this amendment would place the application in condition for allowance.

The specification has been reviewed and additional corrections of a minor nature have been made by the amendment filed on March 4, 2004

Claims 1 to 7 remain in the application. By this amendment, the limitations of claim 8 have been incorporated into claim 1 and, therefore, claim 8 has been canceled. Claim 8 has been indicated as directed to allowable subject matter. Therefore, claim 1, as amended, and claims 2 to 7, dependent thereon, are now in condition for immediate allowance.

In response to the Advisory Action mailed March 26, 2004, the undersigned telephoned the Examiner to determine why he considered the amendment filed on March 4, 2004, to raise new issues. Based on that telephone interview, this amendment is made to comply with the Examiner's requirement for the amendment to claim 1. Based on this agreement, the application is now in condition for allowance.

Since this amendment *prima facie* places the application in condition for allowance, it is respectfully requested that the amendment be entered, application be reconsidered, that claims 1 to 7 be allowed, and that the application be passed to issue.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

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A provisional petition is hereby made for any extension of time necessary for the continued pendency during the life of this application. Please charge any fees for such provisional petition and any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-2041.

Respectfully submitted,



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